

Task Force's fallen Soldiers remembered, memorialized



Spc. Stephen E. Dorsey, 89th Military Police Brigade, unveils a plaque dedicating an apartment complex at Freedom Rest in the memory of Pfc. Rachel K. Bosveld March 21. Bosveld was mortally wounded when her HUMVEE came under attack by mortar fire during a patrol mission at Abu Ghraib.

Story and photo by Spc. Andy Miller, 122nd MPAD
BAGHDAD, IRAQ – Task Force 1st Armored Division Soldiers know “Freedom Rest” as a place of rest and relaxation. With its large pool, big screen televisions and resort-like accommodations, the popular Rest and Relaxation site often gives visiting Soldiers memories of the luxuries of home.

Sunday, March 21, during memorial and dedication ceremonies, Freedom Rest became distinguished for something more than an R&R stop: a site dedicated to honoring the Task Force's fallen Soldiers.

An apartment building on the former Republican Guard compound was renamed in the memory of Pfc. Rachel K. Bosveld. A plaque bearing her name is now a permanent part of the building's thoroughway.

Bosveld served with the 527th Military Police Company in Baghdad last year. She provided security for the Abu Ghraib district police station and worked to train the Iraqi Police Service officers.

Bosveld received her first purple heart when her vehicle was hit by enemy fire during a patrol mission in Abu Ghraib. Six weeks later, Bosveld was mortally wounded when her HUMVEE came under mortar fire. She was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and a

second Purple Heart.

Following the dedication ceremony for Bosveld, a service of remembrance was held for all the Task Force's fallen Soldiers.

A memorial plaque bearing their names was unveiled in the main Freedom Rest building. The plaque lists the names of all Task Force 1st Armored Division who died as of March 16, 2004 and is displayed inside the main entrance.

“A memorial ceremony is an opportunity to pay honor and respect to fallen comrades. And it's a traditional military event that gives the Soldiers an opportunity to bid farewell, express their emotional grief and convey their love and support to other Soldiers,” said Lt. Col. Alvin C. Sykes, division chaplain.

“This was a combined memorial service to recognize the total price paid by Task Force 1st Armored Division Soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom,” he said.

“As 1st Armored Division prepares to redeploy back to their home station in Germany, it is appropriate for the Division to pay homage to the Soldiers who paid the ultimate price for their country,” he said.

“It's a tough ceremony. We are talking about the young lives that have been sacrificed willingly for a fight against terrorism. A fight to bring dignity to other people and a fight to protect many of the folks back home,” said Brig. Gen. Mark P. Hertling, assistant division commander for support. “Every single one of these individuals was in the early part of their lives.”

Hertling said these Soldiers are fondly remembered by their units and comrades in arms.

“They are always the ones with the smiles on their faces. Always the ones that are willing to give you anything,” he said. “They are the ones that perk up a squad or a platoon. The loss of that to this world is just devastating, but they are doing it for a reason that's bigger than each one of them.”

Though the individuals listed on the plaque at Freedom Rest will not be going home with their units, ceremonies like the one held Sunday ensure they will not be forgotten, Hertling said. Soldiers who visit Freedom Rest for recreation have an opportunity to reflect on their commitment to the cause of Iraqi freedom and to their fellow Soldiers.

“While these Soldiers are in reflection, the plaque will help them to remember that we must go on,” Sykes said. “It will help them remember that we must finish this fight because of those who paid the ultimate price.”

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NEWS...

White House Rebuts Ex-Bush Adviser Claim

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House, fuming over a former aide's charge that President Bush gave short-shrift attention to al-Qaida while obsessing over Saddam Hussein, branded the fighting-terrorism flap as "Dick Clarke's American Grandstand."

"When you compare Dick Clarke's current rhetoric with his past comments and actions, the bedrock of his assertions comes crumbling down," said chief presidential spokesman Scott McClellan. He called Clarke's new book, criticizing the administration's handling of the post-Sept. 11 terrorism environment, "more about politics and book promotions than it is about policies."

al-Qaida Suspects May Have Fled in Tunnel

WANA, Pakistan (AP) - Top al-Qaida terrorists may have escaped a siege by thousands of Pakistani soldiers through several secret tunnels leading from mud fortresses to a dry mountain stream near the border with Afghanistan, a security chief said Monday.

The longest tunnel found so far was more than 1 mile long and led from the homes of two local men - Nek Mohammed and Sharif Khan - to a stream near the frontier, said Brig. Mahmood Shah, head of security for Pakistan's tribal regions.

Prosecutor: Nichols Hated U.S. Government

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) - Terry Nichols hated the U.S. government and worked hand-in-hand with Timothy McVeigh in the deadly, "monstrous" bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, a prosecutor told jurors Monday.

"These two were partners, and their business was terrorism," Assistant Oklahoma County District Attorney Lou Keel said in opening statements in Nichols' state trial. Proceedings got under way after two jurors and an alternate were excused by the judge, who blamed prosecutors for the problem.

Kerry Promises 'New Direction' in TV Ad

WASHINGTON (AP) - John Kerry introduces himself to voters in a television ad unveiled Monday, promising "a new direction for America" from a war-tested Democrat. Titled "Fought for America," the 30-second ad airing in 17 states beginning Tuesday says Kerry has "the military experience to defend America" and the policies to improve health care and the economy.

In other news...

New DVD Burners Double Capacity

By PETER SVENSSON, AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- If you just bought a DVD-burning drive for your computer and think that for once you're current with the latest and greatest, it's disappointment time.

Manufacturers are soon launching drives that can store double the amount of data on a disc.

Sony Electronics says it will be shipping drives in about two months that accept blank DVDs with two data layers. Philips Electronics will start selling a similar drive in Europe in April, but is not saying when it will be available in the United States.

The write-once discs can store up to 8.5 gigabytes of data, or about 4 hours of DVD-quality movies, twice the capacity of regular blank DVDs. This means capacities for computer-burned DVDs are catching up with prerecorded movie DVDs, many of which are already dual-layer.

The new technology is sure to appeal to those who back up or copy movie DVDs, since they often have to reduce image quality or remove special features to fit a copied movie onto a single-layer disc. With a dual-layer drive, an exact copy on a single disc should be possible.

(The software used to copy encrypted movie DVDs is illegal in the United States, according to recent court rulings.)

The two layers of the new discs are accessed from the same side - there is no need to flip the disc over to record to the second layer. Instead, a laser beam shines through the first layer to record on the second.

Sony will sell an internal drive for \$230 and an external one for \$330. They will be marketed only for Windows PCs, but the external one should work on Macintosh computers with the proper third-party software.

Philips will sell two internal drives with somewhat different features, both for PCs. U.S. prices have not been set.

The drives will be able to burn regular write-once and rewritable DVDs and CDs as well.

The Sony and Philips drives will use somewhat different discs. Sony calls its variant DVD-R DL. The Philips equivalent is DVD+R DL. Both disc types should be readable in standard DVD drives and players.

Sony estimates the blank discs will cost \$5 to \$6. Philips does not have an estimate yet.

The dual-layer discs will be slower to burn than single-layer discs - the drives will be rated as burning at 2.4 times faster than playback speed, versus eight times for single-layer discs.

A full 8.5 gigabytes will take about 45 minutes to burn.

Thought for the day...

Caring for Soldiers

Mortally wounded in the Battle of Alexandria in 1801, Sir Ralph Abercromby had a blanket placed under him as he was being carried off the battlefield.

Feeling it, he asked those around him whose blanket it was. Only one of the men's was the answer. He replied, "I wish to know the name of the man to whom the blanket belongs."

After a short period of time his aides found out that it belonged to Duncan Roy of the 42nd. Then declared the dying general, "See that Duncan Roy gets his blanket this night."

Today in History...

March 23, 1983: ARTIFICIAL-HEART PATIENT DIES

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On March 23, 1983, Barney Clark dies 112 days after becoming the world's first recipient of a permanent artificial heart. The 61-year-old dentist spent the last four months of his life in a hospital bed at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, attached to a 350-pound console that pumped air in and out of the aluminum-and-plastic implant through a system of hoses.

In the late 19th century, scientists began developing a pump to temporarily supplant heart action. In 1953, an artificial heart-lung machine was employed successfully for the first time during an operation on a human patient. In this procedure, which is still used today, the machine temporarily takes over heart and lung function, allowing doctors to operate extensively on these organs. After a few hours, however, blood becomes damaged by the pumping and oxygenation.

In the late 1960s, hope was given to patients with irreparably damaged hearts when heart-transplant operations began. However, the demand for donor hearts always exceeded availability, and thousands died every year while waiting for healthy hearts to become available.

On April 4, 1969, a historic operation was performed by surgeon Denton Cooley of the Texas Heart Institute on Haskell Karp, a patient whose heart was on the brink of total collapse and to whom no donor heart had become available. Karp was the first person in history to have his diseased heart replaced by an artificial heart. The temporary plastic-and-Dacron heart extended Karp's life for the three days it took doctors to find him a donor heart. However, soon after the human heart was transplanted into his chest, he died from infection. Seven more failed attempts were made, and many doctors lost faith in the possibility of replacing the human heart with a prosthetic substitute.

In the early 1980s, however, a pioneering new scientist resumed efforts to develop a viable artificial heart. Robert K. Jarvik had decided to study medicine and engineering after his father died of heart disease. By 1982, he was conducting animal trials at the University of Utah with his Jarvik-7 artificial heart.

On December 2, 1982, a team led by Dr. William C. DeVries implanted the Jarvik-7 into Barney Clark. Because Jarvik's artificial heart was intended to be permanent, the Clark case drew worldwide attention. Clark spent his last 112 days in the hospital and suffered considerably from complications and the discomfort of having compressed air pumped in and out of his body. He died on March 23, 1983, from various complications. Clark's experience left many feeling that the time of the permanent artificial heart had not yet come.

During the next decade, Jarvik and others concentrated their efforts on developing mechanical pumps to assist a diseased heart rather than replace it. These devices allow many patients to live the months or even years it takes for them to find a donor heart. Battery powered, these implants give heart-disease patients mobility and allow them to live relatively normal lives. Meanwhile, in the 1990s, the Jarvik-7 was used on more than 150 patients whose hearts were too damaged to be aided by the mechanical pump implant. More than half of these patients survived until they got a transplant.

Today, Jarvik and others are working to develop smaller and more efficient mechanical pump implants. A company called ABIOMED has developed a new permanent artificial heart. This "total replacement" device, which is awaiting FDA approval, is powered by an internal battery and does not require air pumps, thus promising unprecedented mobility to recipients.



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The following are upcoming Presidential and State Primaries:

April: Pennsylvania

May: Indiana, North Carolina, Nebraska, West Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Idaho

June: Alabama, New Mexico, S. Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, S. Carolina, Virginia, Utah

July: Georgia, Oklahoma

August: Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, Wyoming, Alaska, Florida

September: Guam, Arizona, Nevada, Delaware, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Hawaii, Louisiana

November: American Samoa, **2004 GENERAL ELECTION (NOVEMBER 2)**

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004				As of: Monday, March 22, 2004 10:31:55 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - SNOWMOBILE	TODAY		00:00
00:30	THE HOT LIST	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):			AFNEWS ON ASSIGNMENT	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		THE SIXTH SENSE		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	BOWLING - PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - RAD ROVER COME OVER/ EXTREME NERD	DRAGON TALES (TVY): - JUST FOR LAUGHS/ GIVE ZAK A HAND	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - BOY TOY/ INSPECTION DETECTION	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART THE MURDERER	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30	NHRA AUTO RACING - MAC TOOLS GATORNATIONALS: FINAL ROUND		THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - MOTHER, MAY I?			04:30
05:00		WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND	J.A.G. (TVPG): - LAWYERS, GUNS, & MONEY (PT. 1)	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			THE PRACTICE (TV14): - MANIFEST NECESSITY	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30	ESPNEWS			JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		06:30
07:00	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND	HEADLINE NEWS	CELEBRITY PROFILES (TVPG): - CHRISTIE BRINKLEY	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	MASK OF ZORRO		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NBA FASTBREAK	SESAME STREET		ARTHUR (TVY): - D.W. TALE SPINS/ PRUNELLA GETS IT TWICE	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	TOTALLY NASCAR			DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - DOUG'S IN THE MIDDLE		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DRAGON TALES (TVY): - JUST FOR LAUGHS/ GIVE ZAK A HAND		LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - RUMORS	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	THE AMANDA SHOW		10:30
11:00	IRL AUTO RACING - COPPER WORLD INDY 200	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - RAD ROVER COME OVER/ EXTREME NERD	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - BOY TOY/ INSPECTION DETECTION	HEADLINE NEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART THE MURDERER	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - MOTHER, MAY I?	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00	SPORTSCENTER		J.A.G. (TVPG): - LAWYERS, GUNS, & MONEY (PT. 1)	SMALLVILLE (TVPG): - ACCELERATE	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
14:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PRESEASON NIT - SECOND ROUND: OKLAHOMA VS MICHIGAN	HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE (TV14): - MANIFEST NECESSITY	SWEET HOME ALABAMA	20/20 SPECIAL EDITION: JOHN STOSSEL SPECIAL - TEN MORE LIES, MYTHS AND DOWNRIGHT STUPIDITY WITH JOHN STOSSEL	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				14:30
15:00		TODAY	CELEBRITY PROFILES (TVPG): - CHRISTIE BRINKLEY		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00	SPORTSCENTER		MASK OF ZORRO	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	PBR BULL RIDING - TACOMA	ARTHUR (TVY): - D.W. TALE SPINS/ PRUNELLA GETS IT TWICE			HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		DISNEY'S DOUG (TVY): - DOUG'S IN THE MIDDLE		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING THE EARLY SHOW	17:45
18:00		LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - RUMORS				18:00
18:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	THE AMANDA SHOW	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - RAD ROVER COME OVER/ EXTREME NERD	MICHAEL COLLINS		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - BOY TOY/ INSPECTION DETECTION			19:30
20:00	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART THE MURDERER		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - MOTHER, MAY I?			20:30
21:00	MLB - SPRING TRAINING: TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS @ BOSTON RED SOX	SMALLVILLE (TVPG): - ACCELERATE	J.A.G. (TVPG): - LAWYERS, GUNS, & MONEY (PT. 1)		20/20 SPECIAL EDITION: JOHN STOSSEL SPECIAL - TEN MORE LIES, MYTHS AND DOWNRIGHT STUPIDITY WITH JOHN STOSSEL	21:00
21:30				THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA		21:30
22:00		SWEET HOME ALABAMA	THE PRACTICE (TV14): - MANIFEST NECESSITY		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00			CELEBRITY PROFILES (TVPG): - CHRISTIE BRINKLEY	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30